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For: **NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES
ENCODING A TRANSMEMBRANE
SERINE PROTEASE 7, THE ENCODED
POLYPEPTIDES AND METHODS BASED
THEREON**

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Moore, W.W.

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed May 29, 2003, Applicant elects, Group I, claims 1-19, 50-55, 59-61 and 65-72 drawn to a MTSP7 polypeptide-like protease or catalytic domain thereof, as well as conjugates and solid supports comprising same, and to a method of use of a MTSP7 polypeptide-like protease in a method for identifying a compound capable of modulating the proteolytic activity of a MTSP7 polypeptide-like protease without traverse, for examination on the merits.

REMARKS

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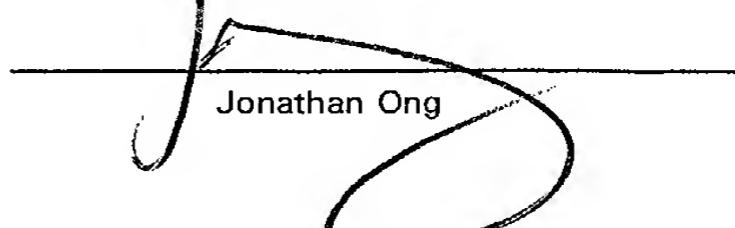
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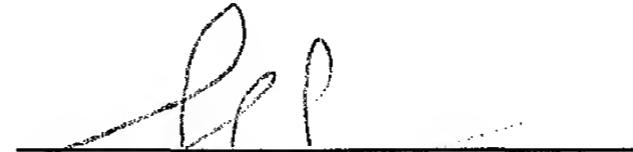
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In view of the above amendments and remarks, examination and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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